Advertisement Code of Doordarshan also prohibits such advertisements.

Filling up the vacancies in Prasar Bharati Board

842. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the activities of the Prasar Bharati Board are being carried out by a single Government officer;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not filling up the vacancies of 15 member Board; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SC/ST Officers sent for foreign training

843. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government nominate Officers for training in foreign Institutions for imporoving their academic, managerial, administrative and technical skills at the cost of the public exchequer;

(b) if so, the number of Officers from her Ministry sent abroad for both the short-term and long-term training courses abroad during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the number of officers belonging to the SC/ST category among them; and

(d) the reasons if adequate number of SC/ST officers have not nominated for the said training?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Department of Personnel & Training invites nominations every year from eligible officers for long-term and short-term training courses abroad. The Government bears expenditure towards airport tax and expenditure involved in the